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SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN DUBLIN JAN 23/24

1. HORSGAARD-PETERSEN (K-P) MFA'S DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS TOLD THE POL CONS THAT THE DANES EXPECT THREE PRINCIPAL ITEMS TO BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTOR MEETING JAN 23-24 IN DUBLIN. CSCE THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE, AND THE POSSIBLE NOMINATION OF A DANE TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE NEXT UNGA.

2. THE DANES SHARE THE GENERAL BELIEF THAT THE SECOND PHASE OF THE CSCE TALKS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY EASTER.
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THEY BELIEVE THAT IT IS NW TIME TO SHIFT FROM COORDIN

ATING THE WESTERN POSITION ON INDIVIDUAL ITEMS AT EACH
STEP OF THE WAY AND CONCENTRATE ON THE SHAPE OF
THE OVERALL FINAL PRODUCT. (IN A SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION
ACTING POLITICAL DIRECTOR OLE BIERRING TOLD THE CHARGE
THAT THE EC NINE ALSO HAD TO DECIDE THE MAXIMUM DISTANCE
THEY COULD GO IN MAKING CONCESSIONS TO THE RUSSIANS ON
OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS AS WELL AS DECIDE THOSE ISSUES ON
WHICH THEY COULDN'T MAKE CONCESSIONS.)

3. K-P SAID THAT THE DANES WOULD DICUSS WITH THEIR EC
PARTNERS THE FEASIBILITY OF NOMINATING MFA POLITICAL
DIRECTOR (AND FORMER DANISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UN) OTTO
BORCH TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE NEXT UNGA. THREE NOMINATIONS
WERE ALREADY ON THE PLATTER WIEH THE DANES REGARDING THE
AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AS THE MOST SERIOUS COMPETION.
THE DANES WOULD NOT PRESS FORWARD WITH THEIR PROPOSAL
UNLESS THE AUSTRALIANS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW THEIR CANDIDCACY
SINCE BORCH DID NOT WANT TO COMPETE AGAINST A FOREIGN
MINISTER FROM A FRIENDLY COUNTRY.
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